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SUBJ: STOLEN DEFENSE ATTACHE'S CAR

REF: USUN 2601

1. A 1968 DODGE CHARGER BELONGING TO ASSISTANT ARMY ATTACHE GEORGE STRIMBU WAS STOLEN SOMETIME BETWEEN 1600 AND 1800 ON JULY 7. THE CAR WAS PARKED IN AN INSIDE COURTYARD OF 45 LENINSKY PROSPEKT IMMEDIATELY OPPOSITE A MILITIAMAN'S POST AT A DISTANCE OF ABOUT 10 YARDS. THERE WAS AN UNOBSTRUCTED VIEW OF THE AUTOMOBILE FROM THE MILITIAMAN'S POST.

2. MAJOR STRIMBU INFORMED THE MILITIA DUTY OFFICER OF THE THEFT AT 1930 ON JULY 7 AND THE EMBASSY SENT A NOTE WITH THE RELEVANT DETAILS TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS ON JULY 8.

3. AS THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES HAVE NOT RESPONDED AND THE CAR IS STILL MISSING, THE EMBASSY SENT ANOTHER NOTE ON JULY 27 TO MFA SEEKING INFORMATION ABOUT SOVIET EFFORTS TO LOCATE THE AUTOMOBILE.

4. COMMENT - THERE SEEM TO BE TWO POSSIBILITIES. THIS MAY BE A SIMPLE CASE OF THEFT. HOWEVER, AS THE CAR WAS STOLEN FROM A LOCATION CLOSE TO A MILITIAMAN AND 1968 DODGE CHARGERS ARE

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DEFINITELY UNUSUAL VEHICLES IN MOSCOW, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT THE

SOVIET AUTHORITIES ARE RETALIATING FOR A CAR STOLEN EARLIER IN NEW YORK (ALSO A DODGE). SEE REFTEL. THAT CAR, HOWEVER, WAS SUBSEQUENTLY RECOVERED BY THE NEW YORK POLICE DEPARTMENT. THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO PRESS THE SOVIET AUTHORITIES FOR RETURN OF THE VEHICLE. IN THE MEANTIME IF THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF ANY OTHER SOVIET CARS STOLEN RECENTLY IN NEW YORK OR WASHINGTON, WE WOULD APPRECIATE DETAILS.

5. PLEASE ADVISE.
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